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Botanical Notes.

Monarda Clinopodia, L.—After many examinations based upon the growing plant, I am constrained to believe that *Monarda Clinopodia*, L., should be considered a variety of *Monarda fistulosa*, L. There is a marked difference in appearance between *M. Clinopodia* and typical *M. fistulosa*, but I think it occasioned solely by place of growth. Typical *M. fistulosa* is a lover of sunshine, preferring open, dry soil, and when growing in woods I have invariably found it where sunshine had access, while I have always found *M. Clinopodia* in the immediate vicinity of shady springs, it preferring moisture and shade. I have found the latter in locations of this kind, and a few rods distant away from the influence of shade would be its relative, *M. fistulosa*, in abundance. The difference in appearance is difficult to embody in language. It can be said that in *M. Clinopodia* the stem is more sharply angled, leaves broader and thinner, throat of calyx less bearded and corolla lighter in color than *M. fistulosa*, but is this sufficient for the limitation of a species? Such differences might justify varieties, but hardly species. It is well known that *M. fistulosa* is extremely variable, and I have collected specimens that clearly bridge over any of the differences between it and *M. Clinopodia*.

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Nomenclator Bryologicus. General Paris. (Rev. Bryol. xix., 41.) An appeal is made to all bryologists to send the author reprints or copies of descriptions of all new species of mosses that have been published since the issue of the last edition of Schimper's *Synopsis Muscorum*, and Müller's. A list of works consulted is given, and all omissions will be gratefully acknowledged. It is proposed to follow the plan of Steudel's *Nomenclator*, but on a more extensive scale, giving the synonymy more fully. Such a work is greatly needed.

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Index to Recent Literature Relating to American Botany.

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